

Uniform Information & Dress Code Guidelines

Episcopal Day School

All students at *Episcopal Day School* wear school uniforms. By dressing professionally, students demonstrate a sense of pride for EDS and acknowledge the significance of the activities that they are undertaking. Standardized uniform dress allows students to reduce distractions and focus more on academics. In addition, the uniform allows us to emphasize what is important – what’s on the inside!”

The EDS dress code applies to all students as long as they are on EDS school grounds during regular school hours or at school sponsored events where uniforms are required (field trips). At all times, clothing should be clean, wrinkle free, devoid of holes and not torn or frayed. Repairs to torn clothing are acceptable and should be done with matching thread. Oversized, sagging or extremely tight or short uniforms are prohibited. All pants, skirts and shorts must be worn at the waistline.

The typical uniform includes shorts, pants, skirts or skort and an embroidered polo shirt. A special uniform is required for chapel services and field trips. We ask that our families use standard dress code providers for our clothing items. We feel that these vendors offer quality clothing with excellent service at reasonable prices. Approved vendors include Buckhead Uniform Company and Land's End. Please do not purchase clothing from the uniform sections of other stores as their items often do not match our providers and it causes frustration and confusion for you, your child, and school personnel.

The easiest way to purchase uniforms is to use the websites of the vendors listed below. When you enter the school code, the website will only allow you to purchase items on the approved uniform list. Information is listed below to help you make your selections.

Shirt/blouse:

All shirts will be tucked into slacks or shorts/skirts/skort at all times. Only the top button of any shirt may be left undone. Shirts will be sized appropriately so that they are not too short to tuck into the waistband, too tight, or so large as to cause bagging. All shirts will be tucked in so that the belts and waistbands are visible. Students may not wear long sleeve shirts under short sleeve shirts. White, sleeveless or short-sleeved undershirts are recommended for wear with the oxford or polo shirt but may not show beyond the sleeve length of the shirt. No logos are allowed on undershirts. Undergarments must not be visible at any time.

Girl’s skirts/skort and jumpers:

Girl’s skirts/skort, shorts and jumpers will not be shorter than 2” above the knee measured from the bend (center) of the knee. Girl’s skirts/skort, shorts and jumpers will be sized appropriately so that they are not too short, too tight, or so large/long as to cause bagging. Waists will not be rolled to shorten garments.

Pants/shorts:

Boys wearing shorts must not extend below the knee or be shorter than 2” above the knee measured from the bend (center) of the knee. Pants and shorts for boys and girls must be uniform brand/style with no cargo or oversized pockets or flared or slit legs. Pant hems will not pool on the floor. Pant legs will not be rolled up onto the leg.

Belts, shoes, blazers and miscellaneous items:

Third through 8th graders must wear belts with all garments designed with belt loops. Belts will be sized appropriately – no drooping/slouched belts. PreK 3-2nd graders may wear elastic waists without a belt.

Belts shall be neutral and solid in color. Belt buckles must be plain and not be more than ½ inch wider than the belt or have any offensive insignia.

Cold Weather Dress:

During the winter months, students are required to have appropriate clothing for cold weather dress. (ie, sweaters, sweatshirts, fleece or nylon jackets) **On typical winter days, outerwear must be official EDS uniform dress.**

Students may not wear (or bring) sweatshirts or jackets unless they are the EDS fleece, windbreaker or sweatshirt. Non-uniform coats and sweatshirts are not permitted. Other cold weather gear (hats, gloves, scarves) may be worn, but must be removed when inside the building. Ball caps are not cold weather gear and may not be worn at school. No sweatpants or leggings of any kind shall be worn. The Buckhead's underskirt garment is acceptable.

On winter days when the temperature is below freezing (32F), students may wear non-uniform heavy coats but must be removed upon entering the building. On Wednesdays, when temperatures are below freezing, girls may wear khaki pants to chapel instead of normal dresses.

Shoes must be predominantly plain black, white or brown and must cover the toes and heels. No ballet flats, open-toed shoes, sling backs, crocs, clogs, slides, beach shoes, boots, flip-flops or sandals are permitted. Shoes may not have lights, characters, jewels, glitter, squeakers or wheels. Shoes must not have a heel higher than one inch. Shoelaces must match the color of the shoe.

Socks or tights must be worn at all times and must be plain white, black, khaki or burgundy. Opaque **footed** tights may be worn in solid white, black or burgundy with a matte finish. No fishnet or novelty hose or tights are allowed. No sweatpants or leggings of any kind.

Hair will be neat and groomed away from the face. Bangs must not hang into or cover eyes. Boys' hair will not be long enough to touch the shirt collar; nor will it be put in a ponytail. No unnatural hair color or distracting combination of colors is allowed. Color enhancing is permissible as long as it is done in naturally occurring hair colors. Hair accessories must match the uniform and not be excessive or distracting. No designs cut into hair are allowed. Hair spiking will be understated and not draw undue attention to wearer.

Friday Dress:

Casual Fridays – Students may wear any uniform slacks /skirt/ skort and any EDS activity T-shirt on Fridays. Students may wear their club and sports activity attire on pre-determined days as long as they do not coincide with dress uniform days and all other grooming regulations are met. Any Scouting uniform top may also be worn on Fridays along with the EDS required bottoms.

Field Trip Uniforms:

The official dress uniform is required for all field trips unless otherwise stated by the teacher. Some field trips will call for less formal attire; however, all field trips require an EDS uniform.

Casual and spirit dress days:

Casual and free dress days are scheduled periodically throughout the year as a special privilege. All grooming and dress code standards regarding shoes, proper length, etc... must be maintained on those days.

Miscellaneous:

Earrings may be worn with no more than two per ear symmetrically. Large earrings and hoops are a safety hazard and are prohibited. No other visible body piercing. Boys may not wear earrings.

All upper school students may choose to wear a black, emblem free Buckhead blazer with their oxford shirt any day of the week.

Black or navy blue bike shorts may be worn under jumpers and skirts.

No heavy chains, ankle bracelets, studded jewelry or collars. Charms on bracelets and necklaces must not be vulgar or offensive. Student may wear two bracelets per wrist. No sweat bands are allowed.

No permanent or temporary tattoos may be visibly worn by any student. Drawing on visible parts of the body such as hands, arms, and legs is also prohibited.

No unnatural or glitter make-up may be worn. Girls may wear nail polish that is natural or rose toned and well kept.

No black or distasteful colors will be worn. Due to possible allergies in others, all scents and lotions are to be applied at home.

Infractions:

Items prohibited by the dress code will be confiscated and returned to the parent or guardian. EDS administration and faculty reserve the right to review questionable items or modes of dress on a case-by-case basis. Students in violation of dress code guidelines will receive a verbal warning and directed to correct any infractions that can be remedied immediately. If students are improperly dressed and unable to correct the infraction while at school, parents will be contacted to bring appropriate clothing. Other minor infractions (wrong shoes, no belt etc.) must be corrected the following day.

If the infractions continue following the warning, the student will receive an infraction notice. Three uniform infractions will lead to a Citizenship Improvement Form (CIF).

Exceptions:

New students will have three weeks from the date of enrollment to obtain the required uniform. During the interim, their clothing should be in keeping with dress code standards and match required school colors.